

REMARKS

This amendment is being submitted concurrently with a TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE DO/EO/US CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371 which may be submitted on or before July 9, 2004.

In the amendment, the new paragraph has been added to the specification to allow the national stage application of the PCT international application to claim the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/347,057, under 35 USC 119(e). The provisional application was filed on January 9, 2002 while the PCT international application designating the United States was filed on January 8, 2003 which was within 12 months after the date on which the provisional application was filed.

Respectfully submitted,



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